

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HAZEL ERBY

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that Saint Louis and I rise to commemorate the life of councilwoman Hazel Erby.

There are no words that can truly encapsulate what Hazel Erby meant to the St. Louis region. She was a true personification of a public servant. She served with grace, class, integrity, and most importantly from a deep place in her heart—a place that was filled with love for her community. That love was always evidenced by the vigor, passion, and unrelenting disposition she would approach her work with. She was a community icon and a legislative trailblazer, unafraid of going where others would not venture to go and speaking when many stayed silent. During my run for office, she maintained her love and support of me and she was a bedrock of encouragement when I needed it most. I faced so many obstacles throughout my political journey and her unyielding support and encouragement to both me and my staff will be etched in my heart forever. Hazel Erby was driven by doing what's right for all people, starting with those among us who have the least because she clearly understood that's what matters.

"Mama Hazel"'s legacy will be felt for years to come as it is in the work she accomplished and all of the lives she touched. She was deeply committed to equity in government funding and was instrumental in establishing legislation that outlined standards and requirements for minority participation in government contracts. She also played a key role in securing funds for a recreation center in St. Louis County. Hazel Erby had a vision for St. Louis County, and she worked tirelessly on and off platforms and stages to see that vision become a reality.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of this community giant, and I, like the rest of my community, am mourning her death. That said, I take great comfort and joy in the fact that she is left this world with an empty cup because she's poured so much of herself out for the betterment of our world. I'd say there is no better way to live. We are no doubt indebted to her for the service she's paid to our community.

I thank Hazel Erby.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
FRANCIS M. BEAUDETTE FOR 32
YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant General Francis M.

Beaudette for 32 years of distinguished military service.

Lt. Gen. Beaudette has made immeasurable contributions to our great Nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Army values of honor, integrity, personal courage, and selfless service. He began his career in 1989 as a military intelligence officer and retires as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

After graduating from The Citadel, Lt. Gen. Beaudette went on to serve as a battalion assistant, crewmember, and armor platoon leader in Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. He completed Special Forces training in 1995 and was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group before serving as the aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and the aide-de-camp to the deputy commanding general of Kosovo Forces.

Over the course of his extraordinary career, Lt. Gen. Beaudette has answered the call to duty many times. He previously served as the Deputy Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division, Assistant Commander of the Joint Special Operations Command, and Commanding General of the 1st Special Forces Command. Lt. Gen. Beaudette retires as a decorated military leader and true American hero, having earned some of the most prestigious awards bestowed by our military. He represents the best our Nation has to offer, and his legacy of leadership will be felt for generations.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our Nation and our community when I say we are truly grateful for Lt. Gen. Beaudette's extraordinary service and cannot thank him enough. I have personally benefited from his friendship and counsel and would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Lieutenant General Francis M. Beaudette for 32 years of military service.

CELEBRATING RETIRED NAVY
CAPTAIN GILES M. KELLY'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Navy Captain Giles M. Kelly, a member of the Greatest Generation. Today, July 17, 2021, Captain Kelly, celebrates his 100th birthday, and I commemorate his exceptional and dedicated service to our nation.

Captain Kelly, the son of an electrical engineer and an educator, was born in Bronxville, New York. He graduated from New York State Merchant Marine Academy in 1942 and reported for duty as a Navy Reserve in the Pacific during the Second World War. He continued his studies at Williams College, and in

1951, he completed a master's degree in public affairs at Princeton University. He was recalled to active duty during the Vietnam War, acting as chief of public affairs at the North American Treaty Organization (NATO)'s Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Kelly also worked for Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department as a foreign service officer in Europe and Africa. He commanded the former presidential yacht Sequoia from 1983 to 1988 and wrote a book about the historic ship. Further, Captain Kelly was an adjunct professor of seamanship and sailing at American University, worked at the Smithsonian Institution, and was the owner and director of the Gangplank Sailing School.

On this, his 100th birthday, Captain Kelly has our appreciation for his long and faithful service and the best wishes of Congress in celebrating this momentous occasion.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR TOM
BUFORD

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a special Kentuckian, Senator Tom Buford, from Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Tom Buford was a lifelong Kentuckian. He was born in 1949 and graduated from Jessamine County High School and the University of Kentucky. Senator Buford received further education from the American Institute of Banking. He was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in 1991. He represented the people of Senate District 22 until his passing on July 6, 2021.

In Kentucky's Senate, Senator Buford served as Minority Whip from 1991–92 and Minority Caucus Chair from 1993–96. At the time of his death he held seats on the Licensing and Occupations, Appropriations and Revenue, and Banking and Insurance committees. In his more than thirty years in the Senate, he sponsored many important pieces of legislation. Senator Buford had a particular interest in support for the disabled and for animal welfare.

Senator Buford was highly regarded by his colleagues in the Kentucky Senate and by all who knew him. He was a great storyteller and he knew the value of humor. After serving for thirty years, he acquired great institutional knowledge of the Senate. He was known as a kind and humble man, a true servant leader. He leaves behind his wife Carol, children Stephanie and Beau, and his precious grandchildren. Senator Buford will be greatly missed.

It is my humble honor to lift up the memory of a great Kentucky gentleman and a dedicated leader, Senator Tom Buford, before the United States Congress.

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